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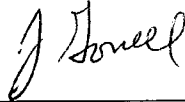
DATE: June 17, 2005

TO: Administration Committee
Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Proposed Memorandum of Understanding Between the Reservation
Transportation Authority and SCAG

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Reservation Transportation Authority consistent with the terms and conditions outlined in this report.

BACKGROUND:

The Reservation Transportation Authority (RTA), a consortium of Southern California Indian Tribal Governments, obtained through the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) a grant which requires that the RTA enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with SCAG to, amongst other matters, develop educational materials which will assist in promoting transportation coordination between the RTA and SCAG.

Staff and representatives of the RTA have been working to develop a simple, concise MOU which will fulfill the requirements of the grant. Some of the tasks which are required potentially overlap with the on-going discussions regarding Native American participation in SCAG; as a consequence, staff has informed the participants in those separate discussions of the proposed MOU.

Included in the required tasks are that the RTA develop educational materials regarding the Tribal governments in the SCAG region and also develop educational materials regarding SCAG. SCAG would have the opportunity to comment on the materials as they are developed. These materials would then be shared and used as a basis for furthering coordination and cooperation on regional transportation issues. SCAG would provide opportunities for the RTA to make presentations to the Regional Council and other policy committees or Task Forces as appropriate. The SCAG staff would meet with the RTA on a regular schedule to discuss transportation planning issues. RTA would organize a Tribal Summit at a place and time mutually convenient. RTA and SCAG would each bear their own costs.

The MOU would terminate on June 30, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT:



None. Implementation of the MOU would be a part of SCAG's on-going requirements to consult with Native American interests.